AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

COMPLETE LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-12   :   (Canceled)

Claim 13   :   (New) A method of delivering a message from a mobile sender to a mobile recipient, comprising the steps of:

a)   providing the mobile sender with a portable data collection terminal having an actuatable electro-optical reader for reading machine-readable indicia, a memory for storing a unique identifier, and a wireless transceiver;

b)   enabling the mobile sender to operate the terminal and collect data, including actuating the reader to capture information from the indicia, to compile a message containing the identifier, the information captured by the reader, and a destination specified by the mobile sender;

c)   transmitting the message to a server over a wireless link by operating the transceiver; and

d)   delivering the message at the destination of the mobile recipient by processing the message at the server.

Claim 14   :   (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the delivering step is performed by transmitting an alert over a wireless link to the mobile recipient.

Claim 15   :   (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the alert is a radio frequency paging signal for signaling a pager at the mobile recipient.

Claim 16   :   (New) The method of claim 13, and providing the mobile recipient with a portable unit having a wireless transceiver, and wherein the delivering step is performed by transmitting over a wireless link to the unit one of the message and a notification indicating that the message is available.

Claim 17   :   (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the server creates an internet web page containing the message if the notification has been transmitted.

Claim 18   :   (New) The method of claim 17, and providing a display on the unit for viewing the message.

Claim 19   :   (New) The method of claim 13, and providing a display on the terminal for displaying the collected data.

Claim 20   :   (New) The method of claim 19, and providing an interface on the display for prompting the mobile sender to sequentially collect the data.